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OYSTERS BEING RETURNED: Southend Council's group manager for regulatory services, Carl Robinson, with some of the oysters recovered returning them back to the Estuary.

ILLEGAL OYSTER PICKERS CAUGHT

By Paul Giles

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ILLEGAL oyster pickers caught in Southend were forced to hand back a haul of 1,400 oysters that weighed 275kg.

Southend council's environmental health officers intercepted the men who had collected 11 large sacks of Pacific oysters without official safe authorisation.

There are strict local laws about

gathering oysters.

Where approval has been given for oysters to be harvested, environmental health officers will check they are sent to the approved premises with the correct paperwork that enables the oysters to be traced.

Without registration documents it is illegal to gather oysters from Southend for commercial sale.

The oyster pickers voluntarily surrendered their harvest after being warned of the consequences of not

having the official papers. Council officers then returned the oysters to the Thames estuary.

Southend councillor for public protection, waste and transport, Tony Cox said it is vital for public health, that the correct procedures about collecting oysters are followed to the letter.

Cllr Cox said: "Anyone who harvests oysters in Southend for commercial sale must have the correct permissions which indicate exactly

where the oysters were collected and where they will be processed.

"This is an essential way to protect people from the risks of eating potentially contaminated products and instead help ensure that the oysters they buy are fully safe.

"The details of this recent incident demonstrate our continuing efforts to tackle the illegal picking of oysters and will serve as a warning to anyone else planning to try and flout the law."

New route

FROM May 2014 Balkan Holidays will launch a new route to Bulgaria, flying from Southend Airport direct to Bourgas, on the Black Sea coast.

Announcing the new route, Southend Airport's managing director Alastair Welch said: "Balkan Holidays and Southend airport will, I am sure, prove a very popular combination for residents of South Essex and London."

Bomb report

RNLI VOLUNTEERS had to launch the hovercraft last Sunday following reports of a bomb near the mouth of Leigh Creek.

The hovercraft, which was launched at 12.30pm, picked up a member of Southend Coastguard, located the items and marked them ready for the bomb disposal team.

The Navy's bomb disposal team detonated the device on Monday, at 3.10pm

Bake a difference

THE JEWISH community got busy with their rolling pins to help bake a difference for Jewish Care's first ever Great Jewish Bake Day event last Wednesday.

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Tides



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Vow to improve as ambulance directors resign

ESSEX'S failing ambulance service has vowed to improve after its five non-executive directors resigned.

Paul Remington, Caroline Bailes, Margaret Stockham, Anne Osborn and Phil Barlow have stepped down from the East of England Ambulance Trust.

The service had been criticised for almost two years before Anthony Marsh published his critical report earlier this month.

Dr Anthony Marsh, chief executive of the West Midlands Ambulance Service, was commissioned to write the report because of concerns over emergency response times.

In March, the trust was ordered to improve by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) after failing to meet its care and welfare target.

A spokesman for the ambulance trust said the service was 'drawing a line in the sand' following the resignations.

He said: "The Non Executive Directors have taken these actions in the best interests of patients and the Trust and didn't want the issue of their roles to sidetrack the Trust from having an unrelenting focus on patients, the care they're given, and the service they receive."

Dr Geoff Harris, the new Chair of the Trust, added: "This is a line in the sand for the Trust and I thank the Non-Executive Directors for their collective action. We must maintain our focus on continuing to drive up the service to patients whilst I focus on putting a new Board in place."

Problems intensified earlier this year when Essex police and fire services raised fears about the poor response times of ambulance crews.

The report is available at: www.eastamb.nhs.uk/about-us



JUST SAY NO: Local people turn out to give their views on Kent Elms Library

Picture by MARK CLEVELAND

Anger at library volunteer plan

By Paul Giles

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MORE than 2,000 people have opposed a plan to have their library run by volunteers.

The news came as two councillors used their monthly surgeries at Kent Elms Library, in Rayleigh Road, Leigh, to raise awareness about their plans for its future.

Councillor Mark Flewitt and Councillor Adam Jones met residents last Saturday at the library that is under consultation to be either run by volunteers or become a hub library for the west of the Southend borough.

Cllr Jones said that so far there are more than 2,000 signatures opposing the library being run by volunteers.

"Library use across Southend, and across the country, has generally gone down by about 12 per cent. Kent Elms is bucking that trend due to a number of factors: its fantastic staff, the resources it offers and the variety of fun, social activities on offer.

"Mark and I are passionate about helping that to continue and want to help councillors, council officers and the general public understand just what an incredible place it is.

"This is particularly important now that Southend Council's review of

library services is entering crucial consultation phase."

Cllr Flewitt explained the library had become important to the community over the past couple of years.

He said: "We do not believe a 'community' library would thrive in this area, and once the initial novelty of a volunteer-led library in this area has worn off, Eastwood will be left with either no easy access to a library service whatsoever or a severely compromised service.

Leigh library, in Market Street, is also at risk of closure. The library consultation can be found at www.southend.gov.uk

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OAP saved from fire

FIREFIGHTERS had to save a pensioner from a flat in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff.

Crews were called at around 11pm on Sunday to tackle the blaze in the flat above a hair salon.

The three-storey building has two flats which were both alight.

Assistant divisional officer Martyn Hodder, Southend commander, said the woman was trapped in her flat on the top floor of the building.

He said: "Crews used a ladder to access a flat roof and from there pitched a second ladder to get to her window. They brought the 72-year-old woman down both ladders to safety while other firefighters worked to tackle the fire. They did an excellent job in reaching this woman and getting her safely out.

"This was a fierce fire which caused a great deal of destruction."

Seven units attended and used breathing apparatus and hose reels.

£500 car damage

POLICE are appealing for information after criminal damage to a car in Oakwood Avenue, Leigh.

The black Peugeot 107 was scratched, possibly with a key, between 6pm on Wednesday June 19 and Thursday 7am on June 20.

The attack caused about £500 damage. Contact Pc Javier Rodriguez-Perez on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

A chain reaction

PEOPLE are being asked to get on a bike to light a billboard at the Village Green festival in Southend.

Anyone from ten upwards can help in slots of 30 minutes on the static bikes. Call 01702 215595 or email cyclesouthend@southend.gov.uk.

Help the homeless

THE Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP) is asking schools to mark World Homeless Day to raise awareness of homeless children.

The day is October 10. To help contact HARP on 01702 615000.

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Phone and wallet taken in assault

A MAN was punched and kicked for refusing to give someone money for a bus fare.

The 48-year-old victim was approached by four men between 11.30pm and 11.50pm on Saturday, June 29, outside ASDA petrol station, in North Shoebury Road, Shoebury.

One of the men asked him for money for bus fare. When he refused he was punched and then forced to the ground, where he was kicked in the head three of four times.

His wallet and mobile phone were stolen.

The victim, who is from the Shoebury area, suffered minor head injuries including a cut to his chin and grazing. He was taken to hospital for treatment.

The suspects are white men aged in their late teens to early twenties.

One of them was of medium build, wearing a white t-shirt with a stars and stripes design on the left sleeve, and had short light hair.

The second suspect was topless, of medium build, and had short light hair.

Another of the men was wearing an orange t-shirt and was of medium build with short hair.

Anyone with information is urged to call Southend CID on 101. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Under the boardwalk

SWIMMERS taking part in a fundraising event for Havens Hospices will navigate the iconic Southend Pier as part of a brand new route.

The landmark will provide a unique challenge for The Great Pier Swim which is taking place on Sunday, July 21, from Chalkwell Beach, finishing at Jubilee Beach, a total of 3 kilometres.

Now in its sixth year, this event attracts expert and novice swimmers from across the country. Last year 270 people took part, raising £25,000 for Havens Hospices, which incor-

porates Fair Havens Hospice and Little Havens Hospice.

The route will have full safety cover provided by many of the local yacht clubs and the Chalkwell Lifeguards. The event is being sponsored by Olympus Keymed, meaning sponsorship and donations made can go towards caring for life-limited children, adults and families who rely on Havens Hospices.

The deadline for signing up to the Great Pier Swim is Monday, July 15, and bookings can be made online at



SWIM: Events fundraiser Claire Southgate, and Iain Keenan and Rory McPherson from Chalkwell Red Caps

www.havenshospices.org.uk/events or by phoning Jason on 01702 220356. Entry costs £30.

Health Watch Southend

"Essex Action" as heard on Southend Radio, produced in conjunction with the Volunteer Centre Southend (SAVS)

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If you can spare a few hours a week and have an interest in this area, why not join them in the beautiful converted Prittlewell Chapel in Southend.

To find out more about the range of

opportunities available at Healthwatch, please get in touch.

For further details about these and many other rewarding volunteer roles available in your area, please contact Emily at the Volunteer Centre Southend on 01702 356060 or go to www.savs-southend.org/volunteering.



Volunteer Centre Southend



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Book donation

COUNCILLOR Adam Jones has donated a selection of equestrian books to the Kent Elms library.

Cllr Jones, who owns an Irish Sports Horse called Ned and represents the St Laurence ward, wants to share his passion for horses with other library users.

He said: "This is a terrific resource for the local area but in these tough economic times, the opportunity to stock books on particular themes or subjects is quite difficult."

Walk fit

PEOPLE hoping to get a bit fitter over the summer can take part in free walks.

They leave from the Civic Offices, in Victoria Avenue, at 12.30pm every Wednesday.

Meet by the fountain outside the offices and the walks last for about half an hour.

Charity bike ride

THE Rotary Club of Thorpe Bay has launched this year's Annual Foulness Island Bike Ride which will be held on Sunday, September 8.

This year they are supporting the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust.

Riders can register and pay online at www.thorpebayrotaryevents.co.uk

Attempted robbery

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following an attempted robbery.

A 16-year-old girl was walking along Queens Road, Southend near the Townhouse pub, just before midnight on Thursday, June 27, when she was approached by a man who demanded that she hand over her purse and mobile phone.

The victim refused and the suspect ran off in the direction of the High Street. Information to 101.

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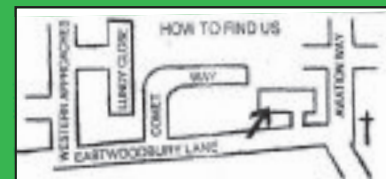
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Arms and the men

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Picture by Mark Cleveland



HUNDREDS of people visited Chalkwell Park last Friday to take part in a Camo Day in support of the Armed Services. The day saw Southend Spartans play a game of tag rugby for the crowds.

People were also treated to a martial arts display by the British Military Martial Arts Corp. Visitors could also donate money to raise money for charity.

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Stray cats antifreeze mystery

THE RSPCA is warning people it has found three cats suffering from the effects of antifreeze poisoning in Southend.

The cats that were living rough but being fed by residents in Jena Close, in Shoebury, have all been taken ill.

The first cat, a black and white female, was seen staggering around, in an unresponsive state with blood coming from her nose and mouth on Sunday June 24. She was taken to a vet and put to sleep.

The other two cats, another black and white female and a tortoiseshell of unknown sex, were reported to RSPCA inspector Adam Jones on Sunday, June 30.

He said: "One of them was unresponsive like the first and the other was still responsive but foaming at the mouth."

"They were also taken to a vet who put them to sleep to end their suffering."

"This is quite an open area with houses backing onto an industrial estate. We would appeal to anyone using antifreeze to check that the chemical is still secure and has not spilled."

"Antifreeze is very attractive to cats but it causes terrible damage to their internal organs."

If anyone has any idea how these cats came into contact with antifreeze they can call the inspector information line on 0300 123 8018 and leave a message for inspector Jones 13188.



Brighton band Fran Classic, who played the alternative stage



WDC playing the outdoor stage at the ship in Leigh



Dave Woodcock in old Leigh

Folk in the sun

GOOD weather contributed to one of the highest attended Leigh Folk Festival last weekend.

Paul Collier, artistic director of the festival, said the warm weather had contributed to the success of the event.

He said: "It was a success due to the artists that were booked and due to the amount of people that came to Leigh."

"I definitely think it was the most popular year so far but as we are not a ticketed event its hard to gauge how many people attended."

"Looking at the pictures and being there on the day I would estimate there was about 15,000 people that attended."



Jamie Parisio and band playing the south by south east stage at bell wharf

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CELEBRATION: Lancaster School has improved to a 'good' rating in their Ofsted report

Picture by MARK CLEVELAND



By Paul Giles

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OFSTED Inspectors have given Lancaster School a huge boost following the publication of its latest report saying behaviour and safety of students is outstanding.

Inspectors visited the school, in Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff, on June 12 and 13 and have judged the school overall as 'good' bringing it up from its previous rating of just 'satisfactory'.

The school is for students aged 14

Inspectors see 'respect for staff' with students enjoying lessons

to 19 years with a range of complex learning and medical needs. Its headteacher, Melanie Hall, was appointed in September 2011, six months after the school received the disappointing 'satisfactory' inspection in March.

This 'good' rating is only achieved by schools with "very positive features" and which serve

its pupils well.

Excerpts from the report said that: "Excellent relationships are a real strength of the school" and "Students show respect for staff and for each other. They behave extremely well and feel safe."

It added that: "Teaching is mostly good and some is outstanding. Students really enjoy their lessons."

"Students achieve well because teachers keep their eye on their work and help them catch up if they fall behind. The school works hard to make sure parents feel they are listened to. Parents think the school is 'brilliant' and has made a real difference."

Mrs Hall said she was proud of the progress the school had made.

The headteacher said: "I am really thrilled for the students, staff, parents/carers and governors who have supported the school fully over the last two years."

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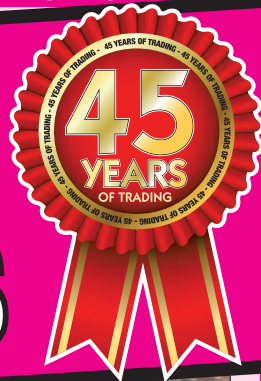
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WINNERS: Staff and pupils at Hinguar Primary School
Picture by MARK CLEVELAND

THE NEW £6.9 million Hinguar Primary School building has scooped a prestigious environmental accolade.

The school and nursery in New Garrison Road, Shoeburyness clinched a Bronze in the Green Apple Awards for the Build Environment and Architectural Heritage, in the educational establishments category.

The Green Apple Environment Awards were established in 1994 as an annual campaign to recognise, reward and promote environmental best practice around the world.

When it opened last September, Hinguar Primary School and nursery was built with many environmentally-friendly features like solar panels to help provide electricity.

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New school wins top a Eco-award

ing ensures that each classroom enjoys excellent natural light and natural ventilation throughout the year, which studies show to have an important impact on pupil performance and behaviour. Intelligent lighting, heating and ventilation systems also work towards reducing the school's carbon footprint.

Staff and pupils were actively involved in designing their new school and developing the outside space to maximise learning opportunities. The building has a nursery, as well as areas

which can be zoned off securely after school to allow them to be used by the community.

Southend councillor for children and learning James Courtenay, said it was terrific the new school has been recognised nationally.

Headteacher Viv Stevens said: "Our children were very keen, right at the start of designing their school, to incorporate elements that would contribute to helping the environment. The school's 'Eco Warriors' in particular worked hard to research and suggest to the architects ideas that could be used."

The head added: "We promote walking and cycling to school to reduce car journeys. And we are taking care of the wildlife on the site and introducing recycling."

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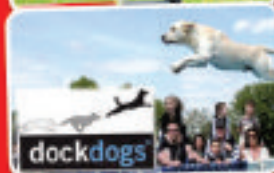
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Making use of space

PEOPLE have been giving their opinions about what they want to see in Southend through a project called 'Pocket Places for People.'

The project is run by national charity Sustrans and focuses on using spaces in the town that are not being utilised.

The charity held an event last Friday at the gateway area of the town in the Victoria Circus shared space.

Krithika Ramesh, project co-ordinator, said more than 200 people had visited the stall to give their opinions about what they want to see.

She said: "We had a map and asked people to put ideas up on the map for what they wanted."

"Ideas ranged from a market being put in the shared space to having a wall that people can write on, a bit like a graffiti wall but a bit more tame."



POCKET PLACES FOR PEOPLE: Sustrans staff and members of the public giving ideas for what they want to see in empty spaces.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

"People have also suggested that they would like to see performance areas and maybe see some sort of street performances in pockets of spaces along Queensway and London Road."

The Sustrans Pocket Places for People project will be at

the Village Green Festival, in Chalkwell Park, on Saturday, July 13.

If you would like to give your opinion about what you would like to see in the area visit pocketplacesouthendon-sea.wordpress.com or visit the stall at the Village Green.

Delivery office relocation delayed

THE RELOCATION of the Leigh Royal Mail delivery office has been postponed for a month.

The office will now move to Southend on Monday, August 12, instead of its original date last Monday.

Royal Mail has said the delay is to allow for more time to plan the relocation and ensure a smooth transfer.

A spokesman said: "This is to ensure that the

transfer of our operations and our people goes as smoothly as possible and we minimise any impact on our customers and our employees."

"We appreciate that when these moves take place, they will have some impact on customers in the area."

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RELOCATION: Leigh Sorting Office

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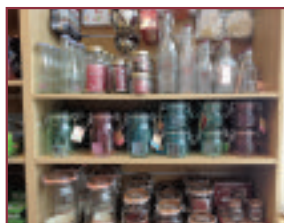
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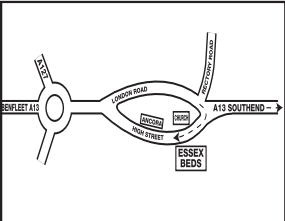
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John Chaplin, 59, has recently been released from prison and is thought to be in Essex.

Detective Sergeant Santi Sende, of British Transport Police's (BTP) Area Crime Unit, said the force previously dealt with Mr Chaplin, formerly of Ryedene Close, Basildon, in September 2012.

DS Sende said: "He was jailed for six months after a number of cycle thefts from Benfleet and Leigh-on-Sea stations. Back then, he was no stranger to officers or to taking bikes from stations.

"But thanks to excellent CCTV covering cycle racks and station platforms, detectives were able to link him to the crimes, leaving him no choice but to plead guilty to



WANTED: Do you know the location of John Chaplin?

four offences. He was jailed at Southend Magistrates' Court for six weeks for each theft, set to run consecutively.

"Since his release there were five cycle thefts from Billericay, Basildon and Leigh-on-Sea stations in May. After viewing CCTV from the station, Mr Chaplin is believed to be seen in the vicinity of the station at the time of the incidents, and officers are keen to trace him."

Chaplin is described as of 5ft 10ins with short, dark brown greying hair and speaking with a London accent.

He has a number of tattoos on both arms, frequently carries a rucksack. He was last seen wearing a light grey hooded top with lime green writing.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 quoting B3/LNA of 25/06/2013.

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FUN WITH SIGN LANGUAGE: Jack Norman, five, at the Shine stories event in Westcliff



A time of the signs

THE LEIGH Art Trail finished last week with a special event for deaf and hard of hearing children called Shine.

At the event in The Book Inn, Leigh Broadway, children listened to and watched three stories that were being read and signed out.

Leigh writer Michelle Goldman, read her story The Tales of Petunia Pigeon with Tina Holmes signing.

The hearing children also learned some sign language as they sang and signed along to some classic children's songs such as 'I can SIGN a rainbow'.

Art Trail regular, photographer and Shine co-creator David Shields said: "It was fantastic to see both deaf and hearing children enjoying the stories and singing equally.

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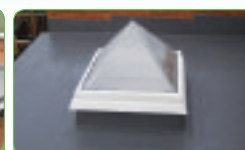


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The woman in the e-fit picture went into the Cowboys and Angels store, in London Road, Westcliff, between 5pm and 6pm, on Friday, June 14.

She is suspected to have stolen a purse and then walked out. The woman is described as having olive skin and puffy eyes and having brown hair in a ponytail. She wore a denim jacket and dark jeans.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Pc Ann Bush, or her colleagues at Southend, on 101. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

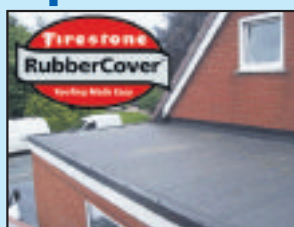
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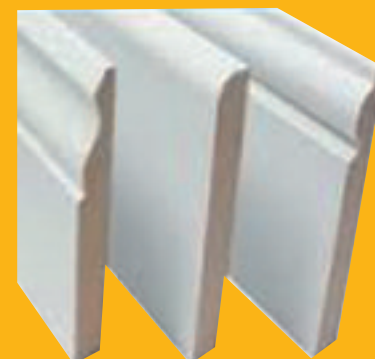
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Opinion and readers' letters

Thank you for a day to remember

On Thursday, June 27, the people of Southend gave many disadvantaged children from London a fantastic welcome on a day out arranged by the Taxi Drivers Fund for Disadvantaged Children.

This happens every year but it was the first time I was involved. I accompanied two ten year old boys in one of the taxis and was bowled over by the welcome we received as the long chain of vehicles entered the town. Old and young turned out on doorsteps, street corners and hanging out of flat windows. Those on the seafront also waved and smiled at us.

Our children, one of whom had never been out of London, were so thrilled at this response. They had a wonderful day and the other helper, two taxi drivers and four very excited children arrived back at Victoria Park in the East End after a day none of us will forget.

Please thank the taxi drivers, the organisers, Essex Police who guided us into Southend, the mayor of Southend, the clowns and especially the people of Southend. My grandmother was born in Prittlewell and now I know what the spirit of Southend means. In these days of constant bad news, please publicise such a good, positive event.

Glynice Smith
via e-mail

Inquiry should stay on the table

IF another, newly-available, uncontroversial site for a much-needed new Fair Havens adult hospice is found it must surely be commensurate with the provision of all the best in modern hospice care today.

Anything less cannot be acceptable when the long-available site at the end of Castle Drive off Belton Way West can fulfil this aim admirably without any real loss to the local community and much gain for the borough as a whole.

Indeed, anything less would be letting all the people of this borough down very badly indeed.

And whilst all would agree that a non-contentious site meeting the needs of up-to-date hospice provision that no-one opposes is certainly the best option, a second-best one pandering to the unsubstantiated fears of a clique of local naysayers and those who would ever-greenly oppose any enlightened development no matter the value to the community is clearly not so agreeable.

And I believe that an inquiry is the only possible way to sort the wheat from the chaff on an issue of this importance for the people of this borough all round.

When all's said and done, planning law recognises that councils are often not best-placed to resolve complicated localised issues fairly where an appeal for the best site in the round certainly would.

This inquiry should rightly stay on the table.

John Haran
Leigh

Time to mind your language

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced that Social Security claimants will in future be required to attend compulsory English classes if they are not fluent in the language.

It will be interesting to see just how seriously the heads of our devolved governments take the existing statutory protection of the UK's other native languages (Gaelic in Scotland, Welsh in Wales and Irish and

Ulster Scots in Northern Ireland) by demanding that classes in these languages be offered as an alternative.

If not, will monoglot speakers of these tongues also be forced to learn English or is this new legislation aimed solely at Johnny Foreigner and native born Georgies?

John Eoin Douglas
By email

Stay off the phone drivers

PLEASE could I confirm when driving and using a mobile phone became socially acceptable?

I have a 20 minute walk to work and would say I see on average 4-5 drivers either talking, looking at, or typing on their phones.

Will it take a serious injury before this is taken more seriously by people?

Robert Trevor,
Address supplied

Stuck with laddered stockings

I DO agree with your recent letter writers. The Only Way Is Essex is disgusting.

It is a programme designed to entertain the simple minded and to that end it has been successful since it must have achieved the kind of high viewing figures which makes it a viable product to continue to produce.

To repeat the used analogy it is true that the show is as much good to Essex as a pair of laddered nylon stockings would be to *Yellow Advertiser* journalist Suzi Muston.

I fear that until the viewing figures dip we are stuck with the laddered stockings.

Margaret Perry
via e-mail

Our Suzi is dragged into TOWIE row

NOW I fully endorse the opinions of readers Nina Fellowes and Susan Forrester when they express their disgust and indignation about the TV series *The Only Way Is Essex* since it is truly dire.

Yet I must call a point of order on a fashion note when they say that TOWIE is about as much use to the county as a pair of laddered nylon stockings would be to *Yellow Advertiser* reporter Suzi Muston.

It is a little presumptuous to assume that Ms Muston's choice of nylons are stockings.

Ladies surely these days we are in tights, not stockings. This is the 21st century, stockings and the dreadful suspender belts are garments from the past.

I do not know of anyone who wears stockings.

Miss Carol Bailey
Address supplied

It's more than just a change

IT is simply wrong of Michael Garey to say that we are not suffering a loss if identity, merely a change in one.

"Change" means you don't have what you had before – therefore you have lost it.

To say that immigrants to Britain have been Romans, Danes, Vikings and Normans defeats his own reasoning. All of these were from Europe, mostly the north-west, not Africa, Asia or the Americas.

As on the same page another writer mentioned the togetherness of the Chinese, try telling that soon to be superpower they are all immigrants and must therefore destroy their own people by

opening their land to the rest of the world.

He won't have the cowardly 'address supplied' because he'll be in prison.

Those who have not left their native European lands cannot be blamed for the past but we should at least be spared the dangerous nonsense that we are not being put out of existence, just 'changed'.

C Mason
Address supplied

I think David needs a lie down

I THINK the warmer weather must be getting to David Durant.

In YA letters last week he said that 'President Obama is as pro-war as Bush'. My criticism of Obama re Syria is his lack of action, although I do understand his reluctance to intervene.

Perhaps Mr Durant needs to have a long lie down in a cool, dark room before returning to the real world.

David Bodimeade
Rayleigh

Are my eyes deceiving me?

I RECENTLY drove through the A1014 junction on the A13 that is being improved for the London Gateway development. They appear to be building new flyovers for the junction next to the existing ones. The A13 is a two lane dual carriageway at this point and there has been some talk in the past to upgrade it to a three lane dual carriageway.

I was therefore a bit surprised to see that the new flyover seems to be no wider than the existing ones and it would appear that a widening

at this point would require replacing these flyovers again, unless my eyes were deceiving me?

Alan James
Hockley

Phones are our Big Brother

THERE was once a Prime-Minister, who, being a caring sharing sort of fellow, thought that it would be useful and helpful if everyone would carry an identity card.

The police and the Prime-Minister were very unhappy the scheme was going to cost £5 Billion.

Somebody said "I have invented an identity card that is better than your rotten idea of making people carry a card. My mobile phone does not just have your name, date of birth and address, it has satellite navigation to tell us where you are, have been and where you are going, the time you arrived and the time you left and where you stopped on the way. It knows to whom you speak and text, internet so it knows your interests and activities. It has your bank details, it knows what you spend, we are working on the idea that money will be redundant, just wave the phone, we can then really control everyone. Your medical history and any criminal history or antisocial friends is held. It can tell if you are speeding or phoning while driving. It takes photographs of all your friends."

And you know something else; people are so attached to their phone that they need emotional support if it's lost, Mr Prime-Minister just try and take their mobile phones away from them, there would be riots.

Identity cards were for over 18 year-olds, today everyone over four years has a phone, and it's always on!

John Williams
Benfleet

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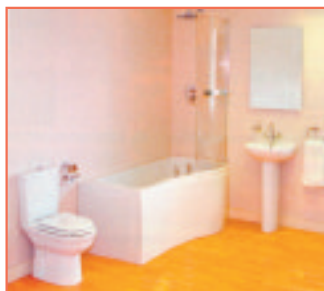


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SINGING teacher Cathy Edkins was so enthralled when she discovered Little Women the musical, she decided to stage the show for a local audience.

"I was stunned by the whole thing. It had everything, beautiful music, a well loved story and best of all – a lot of parts for me to offer to past and present students," she said.

Cathy's attention had first been drawn to the 'main' song in the show 'Astonishing' when she was looking for something new to perform herself.

"A friend suggested 'Astonishing' from the show."

"I was given the entire show score to take the song from. I immediately fell for Astonishing – it is a lovely song and has become a very popular with soloists.

"Then as I looked through the rest of the score I became hooked by it," she added.

"I began to think perhaps we could do the show. I talked to a few fellow singers who agreed and we started to make plans."

The musical is based on Louisa May Alcott's classic 1869 novel, set in the time of the American Civil War.

It focuses on the four March sisters – tomboy, aspiring writer Jo, romantic Meg, pretentious Amy, and kind-hearted Beth at home with 'Marmee' while their father is away at the war.

Several recreations of the melodramatic short stories Jo writes in her attic studio also feature.

Cathy is no stranger to performing. One of her roles is singing with close harmony trio The Humming Birds which has appeared at Brentwood's community theatre where Little Women will be staged.

Cathy and sister Liz Gibson -also a member of Humming Birds- decided to create a new group to produce the musical.

They hit on the name Fire Birds - "something exciting, but in keeping with our existing birds theme" Cathy said.



The cast of Little Women the musical

LITTLE WONDERS

That done, it was on to the cast. "We are working on 16 players. Ten major parts and six cameo roles and all of them are students except for me Liz and Allan Clark, which makes it very special," she added, "We actually have three brothers in the cast!"

Cathy plays 'Marmee', and the sisters are played by Rachel Watson (Jo), Jess Rob Johns (Amy), Jess Hope (Meg) and Tara Gulrajani (Beth). Sister Liz is the rather forbidding Aunt March.

"I find remembering the songs is

easy, but learning lines is lot more difficult. And we all have to master an American accent," she added.

There have been other things to organise, including the set, which is basically the Marches' parlour.

"The musical tells a heart-warming story, portraying the ups and downs the family experience, including the death of one of the sisters, Beth. The show goes through a whole range of emotions," Cathy said

The musical story is written by

Allan Knee from the book, with music by Mindi Dickstein and Jason Howland.

Cathy said: "It is a relatively new musical and was first performed on Broadway in January 2005.

"The musical follows the book fairly faithfully but stops before the book ends – where Jo and Professor get engaged."

Cathy has been teaching for 15 years now. She has always loved music and also plays piano – in the past oboe was part of the reper-

toire as well.

She worked personnel in a City bank until she had a family.

"When the boys were three and five I decided to take up singing again, and have never looked back," she said.

Little Women is at Brentwood Theatre from Wednesday July 24 until Saturday July 27, performances are at 7.30pm with a 3pm matinee on Saturday.

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Best laid plans of Sir Fred

WHEN a person's career included 94 major architectural projects it is easy to see why so many people would flock to their former residence to discover exactly what they had created in and around their home.

That is exactly what people do when they visit The Gibberd Garden, which was once home to Sir Frederick Gibberd who designed everything from Liverpool's Roman Catholic Cathedral and The Central Mosque in Regents Park, to the first three Heathrow terminals.

But his work on Harlow New Town, for which he was appointed the master-planner in 1946, left such a lasting impression that many regard the original plan as his greatest achievement. While the plan made a lasting impression on his followers, the town itself made just a big an impression on Sir Frederick, as he decided to settle there in a house in Marsh Lane, on the outskirts of Harlow, in 1955.

While Sir Frederick, who was made a CBE in 1954 and received a knighthood in 1967, had planned to demolish the house and replace it with one of his own designs, permission was denied so instead he set about transforming the building

as well as at its gardens, situated on the side of a small valley which slopes down to the Pincey Brook.

While he never had a master plan for the seven acre garden he had a clear idea of what he wanted so, as well as formal lawns and flower beds, there are many other treats to discover. Its tangle of pathways include a stroll along the brook-side, a walk through an avenue of trees, space to enjoy amongst its young trees in the arboretum and time to relax beside an island fort where the kids can defend its drawbridge.

But every turn in the peaceful and tranquil gardens offers something else for you to gaze at – 88 different sculptures. While there were only three of these sculptures in the garden at the time of his second marriage in 1972, after that Lady Gibberd – an active member of the Harlow Art Trust – began a new phase to the garden design by presenting Sir Frederick with Gerda Rubinstein's sculpture, City, as a wedding present. This marked the start of the couple's collection



of sculptures, ceramic pots and architectural salvage that continued right up to Sir Frederick's death in 1984.

If you are looking for further inspiration then you can also take a look around The Gibberd Rooms, inside Sir Frederick's home, which have been restored as much as possible to how they would have looked in the 60's, with authentic furniture and fittings. Here you will find models of some of his projects, information on

his lifetime's work, photographs and memorabilia.

During his lifetime Sir Frederick, who believed that garden design was an art of space, like architecture and town design, described his garden as "a series of rooms, each with its own character, from small intimate spaces to large enclosed prospects".

These wonderful 'rooms' perfectly illustrate his philosophy while the sculptures dotted around them



show just why Lady Gibberd's choice of designs helped lead Harlow to gain the title of Sculpture Town.

While Sir Frederick passed away in 1984 his home in Marsh Lane remains as a wonderful reminder of both his work and his life, and offers a wonderful place to take a stroll and be inspired.

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 - Meeting, SE Essex Branch of the Essex Society for Family History, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, 'A Family History Question Time, bring your questions and perhaps our team can help, 2.30pm, doors open 12.30pm for help with family history research.
 - Basildon Keyboard Club Concert, James Hornsby High School, Nicholas Lane, Basildon, 'David Thomas plays Roland Atelier', 8pm, £5 including interval refreshments. 01268 415506.
 - Rayleigh History Walk, The National Trust, meet 3pm, Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane (off High Street), Rayleigh, £2 per person, further details Mike Stone 01268 775328.
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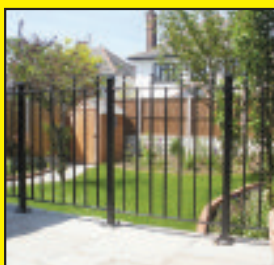


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VILLAGEGREEN

Metal is the charity that brings you Village Green each year.

We are based in Chalkwell Hall (the big white house with turbines on the roof in Chalkwell Park) and from here we organise all kinds of arts projects.

We work with around 4000 school pupils each year – our latest project is On The Line - an exhibition that can be seen on the ground floor of Chalkwell Hall today. 1000 young people and 22 artists have created artworks in response to the history of the Thames Estuary. Yesterday (Friday 12 July) we hosted Village Green: The Next Generation – a festival exclusively for 5 – 16 year olds, with more than 500 young performers and an audience of 4000. We run free Arts Award courses for 11-16 year olds during term time and paid for arts Summer School workshops for 5-11 year olds.

Artists from around the world come to live and work from the Hall for short periods to develop new projects and ideas for Southend. Currently we have artists from India and Japan in residence. Play Southend – a computer game based on ideas and drawings by Southend residents – came out of one of our residencies with US artist, Mary Flanagan and Ruth Catlow from the UK. You can see the finished project today at Village Green in The Meadow.

Here are a few things you might have seen, but not known that Metal was the brains behind them.....

Anthem – a choir of 2000 Southend residents who sang on Southend seafront to welcome the Olympic Torch in 2012.

The Longest Line of Bunting in the World – in 2009 we broke the Guinness World Record with the help of 9000 community members.

Café Valise – our pop up café in Leigh Community Centre – helping to ensure that the centre stays vibrant and open!

We have a small team of 7 people who work really hard to raise all the funds needed to make these fantastic projects happen in Southend. Our biggest challenge each year is to raise the funds needed for our free festival – 10 hours of fantastic, high quality, free arts and music. That is Village Green. This year we are asking for your help.

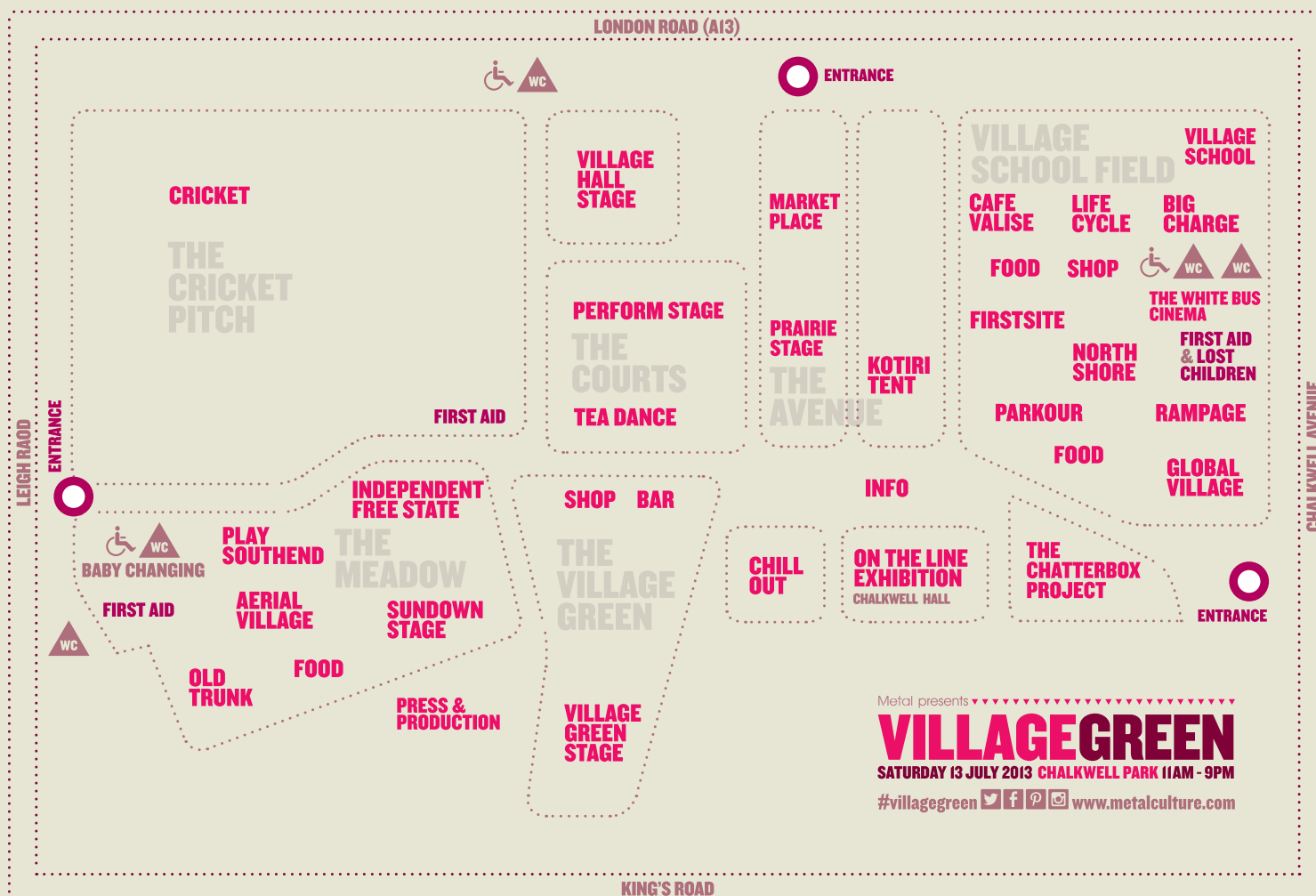
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If you are looking for like-minded 'culture cultures' or just want to find out what's on, a searchable database of all registered members makes it easy to connect and find people in the specific field you are interested in. If you are looking for local artists, for example, just filter the members by 'visual art' and browse away!

Ideal3 blog page features weekly event highlights as well as reviews and written and video interviews from local events. After 5 years of monitoring Southend culture, it also functions as an extensive archive of past events with 150 videos to browse through!

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VILLAGE GREEN STAGE

URBAN ALLSTARS (THE MIGHTY URBAN ALLSTARS, FUNK COLLECTIVE) AND BLACK CAT DEEJAY COLLECTIVE (WORLD FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER DEAN CHALKLEY JOINS FORCES WITH INTERNATIONAL DJ SI CHEEBA), WILL BE DJING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

11.40 - 12.10 MIKA BOMB

Japan's most shambolic export – pop hooks and a bucketload of style. Irresistible.

12.30 - 1.00 LUCKY STRIKES

The sound of tobacco and typewriters with a hint of blues.

1.30 - 2.00 WHITE DEVILS' CAUSE

An energetic folk-rock 5-piece.

2.30 - 3.10 PHILLIOUS WILLIAMS

Born in the 17th century, full of memoirs and stories, pain and charm.

3.40 - 4.20 DB COHEN

A mixture of Paul Weller, Bob Dylan, Chicago Blues and Two-Tone Ska with attitude.

4.50 - 5.30 SKINNY LISTER

English folk group with The Pogues' infectious camaraderie and jovial recklessness.

6.00 - 6.40 THE SKINTS

Ragga/hip hop style vs ska and dancehall with a punk rock energy.

7.10 - 8.00 VERY SPECIAL GUESTS

AL NAED - Al is back compering this year's festival. Funny, engaging, half-witted, serious, compelling, dull, just some of the words Al has used throughout his long career.

EXHIBITIONS

ON THE LINE

An original Metal project developed in response to the dual lines of the Estuary and the railway line involving over 22 schools, 22 artists and over 1000 school pupils.

TIME PROJECTS PRESENT -

'The Chatterbox Project' A new artist-led participatory arts and events collaboration between Elsa James and Sarah Buckle, Southend based artists. They are working in partnership with Milton Hall Primary School to create the Chatterbox Project.

CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

A photographic competition, involving a wide cross-section of the local community.

BUENOSLEIGH

Collaborative art project between schools; Leigh North Street and St Gregory's College, Buenos Aires.

ARTIST INSTALLATIONS

THE CURVE

A constantly changing playful event, which will evolve throughout the day.

TEN BOMB

Ten bomb will be bringing a twist of calculated chaos to the festival. Expect to see a huge interactive mural, and live painting.

CUBES

Three simple yet, dynamic sculptures by visual artist Jonathan Kipps were made especially for Village Green dotted around the site.

FIRSTSITE

FIRSTSITE Y.A.K (YOUNG ART KOMMUNITY)

bring you Airlock - A selection of art, freestyle street dance and flow skills. Just drop in on the hour, limited places.

11.00 - 12.00 SNAP BACK HAT RE-FASHION - create a snap back hat from used drinks cans and electric tape.

12.00 - 1.00 FSM (FREESTYLE MOTION) - bring you astounding moves with a basketball or your own body, demos and workshop

1.00 - 2.00 FLOW SKILLS - includes extreme hula hooping, circus skills and poi spinning.

3.00 - 4.00 SNAP BACK HAT RE-FASHION

4.00 - 5.00 FSM (FREESTYLE MOTION) - bring you astounding moves with a basketball or your own body, demos and workshop.

5.00 - 6.00 FLOW SKILLS

CAFÉ VALISE

THROUGHOUT THE DAY ZAKA REFLEX WILL BE DJ-ING, SPINNING HIS OWN SELECTION OF REGGAE.

11.00 - 11.40 ZAKA REFLEX - DJ / COMPERE

11.40 - 11.55 CHARLOTTE WHITTAKER - 15 year old a singer-songwriter and guitarist.

12.00 - 12.25 LONGY -

Songs of betrayal, love and loss. Swelling guitar mixed with gospel trash.

12.30 - 1.00 ADAM DUFFILL -

Adam has won a host of competitions, including Southend's Got Talent.

1.05 - 1.35 KEVIN PEARCE -

A unique cocktail of acoustic sounds, vintage electro FX and soaring vocals.

1.40 - 2.10 SEAN ATKINS & WILL HATTON - Electronic music fused with acoustic elements.

2.15 - 2.45 ANDY SANKEY (+ GUEST) -

Traditional solo ukulele with a classical theme.

2.50 - 3.20 HEATHER ANDREWS -

London based singer/songwriter.

3.25 - 3.55 GRACE PETRIE - Indie folk-rock.

4.00 - 4.30 ANNIE REW SHAW -

Indie-folk piano based singer-songwriter.

4.35 - 5.05 ED ROME -

Ed's album was named the best reggae album of the year by Steve Lamacq.

5.10 - 5.40 HOODLUMS -

A special Hoodlums acoustic set for Village Green.

5.45 - 6.15 PASCAL GLANVILLE -

A composer & producer specialising in the Chapman Stick, a 12-string Touchboard instrument.

PARKOUR

12.00 - 4.00 Primitive Parkour athletes Tommy Kelsey, Lee Aylott & Jareth Smith, each bring individual style and technique in various areas of parkour & freerunning.

RAMPAGE CARNIVAL CLUB Present 'Carnival Unplugged'

11.30 - 1.00 COSTUME WORKSHOP BACKPACK AND FRAME BUILDING

1.10 - 1.20 ISLAND FUSION (SEE GLOBAL VILLAGE)

1.40 - 2.45 COSTUME WORKSHOP WIRE BENDING & FOAM MOULDING

2.50 - 3.20 SOCA DANCE WORKSHOP (SEE GLOBAL VILLAGE)

4.00 - 5.00 COSTUME WORKSHOP EMBELLISHMENT TECHNIQUES

4.20 - 4.50 SOCA DANCE WORKSHOP (SEE GLOBAL VILLAGE)

VILLAGE SCHOOL

Sponsored by Southend Education Music Hub

SHIP FULL OF BOMBS (SOUTHEND'S ALTERNATIVE RADIO STATION) AND MIDDLE AGE SPREAD (ESSEX'S PREMIERE GROWN UP DANCE COLLECTIVE) DJ-ING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

11.00 - 11.20 PERCUSSION SCHOOL

11.40 - 12.00 JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLE

12.20 - 12.50 THE COLLER - Rock School

1.15 - 1.30 NOYE'S FLUDDE - Procession to stage

1.50 - 2.20 SOUTHEND YOUTH JAZZ BAND

2.40 - 3.10 FANTAZMAJAZZ (Southend Youth Big Band)

3.30 - 4.00 SOUTHEND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

4.20 - 4.50 YOUTH CLUB -

Pop choruses, soulful lyrics, synths and guitars - "the authentic sound of summer".

5.20 - 6.00 SWEET BILLY PILGRIM -

Mercury Music Prize nominated art/rock band.

6.25 - 7.10 ED HARCOURT -

Successful British singer-songwriter, has released five studio albums and thirteen singles.

7.40 - 8.40 SAM DUCKWORTH -

Formerly of GET CAPE, WEAR CAPE, FLY, featuring Southend Youth Orchestra and Tilbury Brass Band

WORKSHOPS

LIFE CYCLE are inviting 'Bike Friendly Cities' of Europe to take part in their 'cycle themed' live drawing event. The large scale group drawing will be shown live on screen in front of over 30,000 and streamed on the web with participation from countries around the world.

YELLOW ADVERTISER JOURNALISM WORKSHOP Meet local journalists and learn how good news stories are created, sourced, written and published. For children of all ages.

JULIAN WILD 'Making the Connection' is a communal sculpture project giving people the opportunity to participate in the construction of a large-scale sculptural installation.

PLAY SOUTHEND This event-based and online art project invites the public to build a collaborative platform game about the future of their hometown.

SEC Song writing workshops in between performances on the 'Independent Free State' stage.

SOUTHEND ADULT COMMUNITY COLLEGE Family and individual art activities.

SEEVIC Art display, screen printing, customising clothes, doodle wall & portraits.

CAROLINE SMITH Locating Your Inner Bird with Caroline Smith AKA Rita Grebe (**THE GREAT CRESTED**). Lost your feathers? No place seems like a good roost? Drop-in to Rita Grebe's Palace and Locate Your Inner Bird.

SUNDOWN STAGE

12.00 - 12.20 SUNDOWN POETS

12.20 - 12.45 SONNY GREEN - A music artist from Southend, performing acappella poetry, live PA's and jams with live bands.

12.45 - 1.10 MC ANGEL - A spoken word artist and rapper. She has performed at Latitude and Secret Garden Party festival, toured with Secret Cinema and Asian Dub Foundation.

1.20 - 1.45 FASHODA CRISIS - Southend's only Satirical Transgressive Alt/Art Rock band. They have spent the best part of a decade touring the U.K and Europe.

1.55 - 2.20 STUART O'CONNER - Psychadelic singer/songwriter who has played 1200 shows in 5 years and continues to as a full time touring musician, performing to audiences around the globe.

2.30 - 3.00 JASON STEEL - A singer & picker of stringed instruments. His music has garnered considerable praise establishing him as a distinctive voice in the alternative folk scene.

3.00 - 4.00 BEC HILL - Her acclaimed solo shows and hugely popular YouTube videos have garnered over 100,000 views globally gaining her cult status in both Australia and the UK.

4.00 - 5.00 STORYTELLERS' CLUB - with comedians Sarah Bennetto, Sara Pascoe and Matthew Crosby

5.10 - 5.55 BEANS ON TOAST - A true DIY artist with true DIY ideals. He's collaborated with the likes of Frank Turner and Ben Lovett (Mumford & Sons).

6.10 - 6.40 NEIL DENNY - His Little Atoms radio show and podcast has been broadcasting interviews with leading writers from the worlds of science and the arts on London's Resonance 104.4FM for nearly 8 years.

6.50 - 7.35 DOMESTIC SCIENCE - Join science comedians Helen and Rob for a DIY science party full of home-cooked experiments and geeky comedy.

7.45 - 8.30 JAMES YORKSTON - A native of Fife, James was an integral early member of the Fence Collective, primarily a singer-songwriter performing his own original music as well as tackling a variety of traditional songs.

PERFORM STAGE

11.10 - 11.10 WIGGLES DANCE SCHOOL

11.20 - 11.45 ON STAGE THEATRE COMPANY

11.55 - 12.25 LITTLE THEATRE COMPANY

12.35 - 1.05 JUNIOR MASTERS

1.15 - 1.30 PALACE THEATRE YOUTH PROJECT 'ANNIE'

1.35 - 1.50 SHOW CHOIR

2.00 - 2.30 MASTERS PERFORMING ARTS

2.40 - 3.00 WET SHOE PRODUCTIONS

3.10 - 3.25 CURTAIN UP THEATRE COMPANY

3.35 - 4.05 WIGGLES DANCE SCHOOL

4.15 - 4.45 KAYZAR DANCE

5.00 - 5.30 MASTERS PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

5.40 - 6.10 JUNIOR MASTERS

6.20 - 6.35 CURTAIN UP THEATRE COMPANY

6.45 - 7.15 SOUTHEND OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

FOOD

A selection of delicious food and drink from around the World will be on the site throughout the day until 9pm

VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE HALL IS CURATED AND HOSTED BY POLYVINYL CRAFTSMAN WHO WILL ALSO BE DJ-ING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

11.30 - 11.50 POLYVINYL CRAFTSMAN - DJ

11.50 - 12.20 THE WELCOME COMMITTEE -
A 2 piece band from South London via Southend.

12.40 - 1.10 DAVE WOODCOCK -
Sharp lyrics and great melodies.

1.30 - 2.00 FUTURE AGES -
Fresh from YOKO ONO'S MELTDOWN festival.

2.20 - 2.50 TALLOWAH -
7 piece Reggae outfit bringing a mash of styles - alternative punk rock, reggae and ska.

3.10 - 3.40 PERHAPS CONTRAPTION -
An astonishing, twisted brass, art-pop marching band.

4.00 - 4.30 GHOST MUSIC -
Bitter sweet moments to soundtrack your Indian summer.

4.50 - 5.20 PLANTMAN -
Lovers of mixtapes and trebly guitars.

5.40 - 6.10 DEAD COAST -
A 5-piece retro, psychedelic garage rock band.

6.30 - 7.00 WOBBLY LAMPS -
Trippy garage rock, full of reverb and distortion.

OLD TRUNK

11.30 - 11.50 GIRAFFE - Sketch comedy from three up and coming local performers

12.00 - 12.20 TINY TALES - Hannah Brailsford presents a magical storytelling & puppetry workshop for children.

12.30 - 1.00 TWO FOR TEA - The National Theatre's sumptuous musical duo present vintage songs from the stage and screen

1.10 - 1.25 E15 STUDENTS PRESENT -
A collection of final pieces by the graduates of the Physical & World Theatre courses

1.30 - 2.30 OLD TRUNK PRESENTS -
A rehearsed reading of their new play The Secret Wives of Andy Williams by Sadie Hasler

2.35 - 2.50 TWO FOR TEA - Interlude

3.00 - 3.20 RIDLEY STUDIOS - The highly respected local performing arts college presents a song & dance medley from the Ebb & Fosse's classic musical, Chicago

3.30 - 4.30 COLIN HOULT - CHARACTHORSE -
A one man tour de force character show

5.00 - 6.00 JIGSAW - JIGGLE IT - Comedy from Radio 4's acclaimed sketch group

6.15 - 7.30 DIRTY GREAT LOVE STORY - Fringe First Award winning play that wowed Edinburgh and the Soho theatre.

7.40 - 8.00 OLD TRUNK PRESENTS - The Vagabond Diaries by Sadie Hasler - storytelling featuring the sublime music of M G Boulter

INDEPENDENT FREE STATE

A stage where the usual rules don't apply - anyone with a talent to share can take centre stage - whether you sing, dance, are a poet, comedian or ventriloquist, here is your opportunity to make the public love you!

INFORMATION POINT

You can find staff from METAL at the information point all day with event information and advice. Please note: All lost children should be reported to the SOS Bus sited in the Village School Field (clearly marked on the map). Until 9pm

GLOBAL VILLAGE

ALL DAY BOLLYWOOD DANCE - Workshop

12.00 - 12.45 ALIOU DIALLO DRUMKULTURE -
Drumming Workshop

12.40 - 1.10 TRAVELLING SUITCASE -
Cuban music & Story Telling

1.10 - 1.20 RAMPAGE CARNIVAL CLUB -
Present: 'Island Fusion' Soca Dance performance

1.20 - 2.05 BRAZIL ARTE -
Brazilian Dance & Music Workshop

2.05 - 2.50 AYIGAFRIK DANCE -
Present 'Cry of Village' Performance

2.50 - 3.20 SOCA DANCE WORKSHOP -
Rampage Carnival Club

3.35 - 4.20 CHAKARDAR TABLA ENSEMBLE

4.20 - 4.50 SOCA DANCE WORKSHOP -
Rampage Carnival Club

5.00 - 5.30 ABIOYE & RANDALL -
Performance

5.50 - 6.20 THE BEATROOTS

AERIAL VILLAGE

11.00 - 1.30 AERIAL WONDERS - Artists will be warming up and possibly performing a few tricks on our aerial equipment. Not a performance but if you're intrigued by aerial circus and what it is that we do, come along to watch, or feel free to ask us any questions

1.30 - 1.45 THE OLD HAT - Performed by David Patrick Delves on the Cord de Lisse

1.45 - 2.00 NEURO-SOUP - Performed by Katie O'Malley on the Silks

2.00 - 2.15 DANCING IN THE DARK - Performed by Seb Charles on the Cord de Lisse

2.15 - 2.30 WHITE LINEN - Performed by Alana Bloom on the Silks

2.30 - 2.45 THESE WORDS - Performed by Jessie Lucia Andrade on the Silks

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PRAIRIE STAGE

'CURATED AND HOSTED BY DAMN DEAD CIRCUS.

12.00 - 12.30 REBEKAH DELGADO

12.45 - 1.15 WEDNESDAY'S CHILD

1.30 - 2.00 ANKURA

2.15 - 2.45 THE FREIGHT HOPPERS

3.00 - 3.30 NIA

3.45 - 4.15 FELIX HOLT

4.30 - 5.00 LIL LOST LOU

5.15 - 5.45 RUSSEL JOSLIN

6.00 - 6.30 I AM PILOT

6.45 - 7.15 PHILLIOUS WILLIAMS

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THE WHITE BUS CINEMA

The White Bus are heavily involved in education and run various film making courses. Their most high-profile public events are the annual Southend Film Festival, regular film shows, and Horror-on-Sea Film Festival

11.00 - 2.00 THE WHITE BUS PRESENTS -
Short Films

2.00 - 4.00 LAST FRIDAY SHORTS

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Short Films

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JOE BLACK - The Dark Musical icon

BENDY BENDINI - Contortion

floTsam - Operatic Perambulations

Street shows throughout the day from Sam Wills

CYCLING

THE BIG CHARGE -
Help power the LED screen by riding on a bike or have a go on our giant hamster wheel using dynamos that charge our eco generator, whilst learning all about renewable technologies

NORTH SHORE TRACK -
Working with Cycle Southend, children will have the chance to try out their cycling skills on a bespoke wooden mountain bike track

MARKET PLACE

Our bespoke lively arts and crafts Marketplace again presents a huge variety of creative talents from across Southend and beyond - an exciting and bustling area of the festival, with a distinctly vintage feel.

WORKSHOP MARQUEE

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MEET THE ACTS

OLD TRUNK

Old Trunk have curated a stage full of brilliantly original theatre at this year's festival.

What, where, why and who is Old Trunk? Tell me.

The professional-sounding spiel is that Old Trunk is a new-writing theatre company that creates darkly comic, visceral, multi-role journeys of the soul for the stage. The less fluffy truth is that me and my co-Artistic Director and best friend Sarah Mayhew decided that there's a lot of nobs about and we'd like to create our own work and work with each other more. Under the officialdom of running a company we pretty much just chat about stuff we want to do and then do it.

Without meaning to sound rude, er, how old is Old Trunk?

Well, although Sarah and I have worked together on loads of things (mainly comedy) for years, Old Trunk is just turning one. In baby terms we're not yet on solids and you have to keep checking our bums every five minutes. I keep meaning to look through my phone for the date of the exact text where I said in a huff one day "Ugh. I just want to set up a theatre company and do plays all the time" and Sarah said "Alright wench, let's ruddy do it." That text would yield our proper birthday and we would know when to celebrate instead of just guessing and eating cake every day in the month of June for good measure.

What are you working on at the moment?

Our first play The Bastard Children of Remington Steele started off as an idea for a sketch show initially - over a pint in Old Leigh - and later became a play. We premiered it at the Camden Fringe, then had a sold-out run at the Leicester Square theatre. We're now writing its prequel, The Secret Wives of Andy Williams. Lots of top industry people have been very supportive, as have our wonderful patrons Jenny Eclair, Phill Jupitus and Deborah Frances-White. It's all so much fun sometimes we almost feel guilty.

And at Village Green? What are you taking out of the Trunk to show us? A mixed bag of utter delight! Sketches, world theatre, physical theatre, puppetry, storytelling, song, music and dance... then a sneaky peek of our new play followed by the pant-splittingly funny Jigsaw (from Radio 4), Being Human's Colin Hout with his show Characthorse, the Fringe First Award winning Dirty Great Love Story, and then we're finishing with - The Vagabond Diaries featuring the sublime music of M G Boulter.

THE OLD TRUNK PROGRAMME RUNS FROM 11.30AM UNTIL 8PM.

DB COHEN

Born in South London and raised on Bob Dylan, D.B's sound has been described as a cross between Paul Weller, Jake Bugg, The Kooks, Chicago Blues, Rockabilly, and 2-Tone. Starting out, Daniel Ben began his musical career with Tokyo based band Mole, singing Velvet Underground covers and original material in the clubs of Shibuya and Shinjuku. He has recently teamed up with producer Snowboy to record his latest album 'Scratchcards & Wine'.

So what made you turn to music. What was the lightbulb moment? I always travelled with an old acoustic guitar and would always pick up new chords and songs whilst on the road. But it was during four years living in Japan that I started writing my own songs. I played in Nirvana and Velvet Underground cover bands in Tokyo (I was drunk and western enough to be considered as a good front man!). After 2 years I formed a band called the 'Dogs Bollox' and played gypsy music, Kinks and Sex Pistols covers alongside newly penned originals.

Who makes up the band performing today? What's the link with Village Green?

Most of the band hail from Southend. I'm lucky to have members of Florence and The Machine, The Baddies, Emile Sande and The Specials all in the band; Toby Gore on drums, Mark Saunders on bass, Mike Webster on guitar, Ladonna Harley-Peters backing vocals, with Andy Gray leading the 3-piece brass section. Also Rochford's own Simon 'Sting' Davies playing Hammond organ.

So how did your style come about?

I was brought up listening to the Stones, Bob Dylan, Aretha Franklin, and old blues records. My Dad collected artists whose name always had a 'Lightning' or 'Gatemouth' before their surname. I'm a 60's throwback really, but I love Paul Weller, Trojan Ska, Supergrass. I was a wannabe Mod during my teenage years.

So our local legend, Snowboy, is your producer. How did that happen?

I first saw Snowboy at the Kentish Town Forum when he played with the James Taylor Quartet. I'd bought my brother tickets for his birthday, standing in the front row, I distinctly remember both of us being blown away by this huge man smacking the hell out of these poor congas. Years later I would frequent Snowboy's long standing Funk night at Madame Jojo's, and it was here I approached him, 2am and blind drunk. I asked him if he would listen to a demo I'd written. Being the gentleman he is, he agreed, and fortunately, he loved what he heard. Snowboy has become a good friend and musical mentor.

Do you like playing at festivals?

Village Green 2013 will be my first ever festival appearance! I'll let you know afterwards if I like it! I'm sure it's going to be a fantastic experience. I've got to know Southend quite well over the years, most of the band are based here, and I recorded most of the album at Big Noise Studios in Rochford. I feel like I'm an adopted Southender.

So the new album...tell us about it.

Each track has its own story. Robert Zimmerman taught me that if songs aren't conveying an emotion directly they best have a good story, or at least some humour and irony. Most of my songs are personal experiences filtered through a style of music that I'm listening to at the time.

DB COHEN IS PLAYING ON VILLAGE GREEN STAGE AT 3.40PM

CURATORS' WALK

There's so much to do and only 10 hours to do it in!

We recommend that you try and sample as much of the huge choice of music, art, theatre and other delights on offer at Metal's Village Green. With so much to choose from, you could do worse than follow this curators' pick – a walk through the festival – put together by its curator, Sean McLoughlin.

STARTING IN THE MEADOW.....

Amble through The Meadow, past the festival food stalls (maybe pick up a tasty something to eat or drink?) to Old Trunk, our 'new for 2013' theatre tent. Check out the latest in new sketch writing and fringe theatre. Fill up on the great laughs on offer in there, then move into the centre of The Meadow to witness the amazing skills of daring aerial artists using silks and a trapeze to bring you stunning performances throughout the day that will have your heart in your mouth!

In the SE corner of The Meadow you'll see Village Green veterans and crowd favourites, Sundown, in their big stripy Indian marquee. Here you'll find an eclectic mixture of spoken word, comedy, music and cabaret – enough talent in one tent to last you the whole day! And look out for those acts set to break into the big time – anyone catch Passenger last year?

As you make your way uphill from Sundown, drop in at the workshops and artist installations at Independent Free State – this is our open mic stage and anyone can jump on stage for a busk and show off their talents!

ONTO THE VILLAGE GREEN.....

This year we are celebrating singer song writers on the Village Green stage with some really strong performers – all of them worth catching – check listings in our programme to take your pick! Don't get distracted for too long though, remember we're on a full tour here with loads of other things to see.....

Push past the enormous bar queue (politely!) taking a peek at the traditional cricket pitch, where you can stop off to relax and enjoy the unmistakable sound of leather on willow. Then back into another great music stage at The Village Hall filled with the sounds of Southend brought together by Polyvinyl Craftsman – amazing musical talent and a range of bands in different genres.

INTO THE COURTS.....

The usual basketball courts have been transformed into a showcase for the hottest local and national street dance, stage schools and theatre at our 'new for 2013' Perform stage. Make sure you visit some of the fantastic vintage clothes and jewellery stalls dotted throughout too.

DOWN THE AVENUE.....

Full of market stalls selling crafts and arts, running workshops so that you can have a go – or at least watch how it's done if you're feeling shy. At the bottom of The Avenue definitely spare a moment to go into Metal's HQ – Chalkwell Hall – there you will see

'On the Line', an exhibition about Essex, the Estuary and the train line put together by 22 schools, over 1000 school pupils and 22 artists! Transformed into a temporary Museum of Curiosities, this is really one that you don't want to miss!

Feeling dizzy with the talent of Southend in evidence so far? Now check out some of our international visiting artists in the intriguing Kotiri Tent. Here you will find yourself enthralled by some of Europe's best street and cabaret performances hosted by Southend's own vintage doll, Lili La Scala.

Just up from there the Prairie Stage, curated by Dead Damn Circus is showcasing fabulous vaudevilian performances from Mexicana-loving bands and musicians.

Last but not least VILLAGE SCHOOL FIELD.....

Probably time for a cuppa? Call in to Metal's Café Valise with speciality teas and delicious cakes with its own mini stage of acoustic vibes. Relax, chill and soak up the atmosphere and when you're feeling rejuvenated, just outside is the Village School Stage – enjoy classical, jazz, rock and pop music in the comfort of a deckchair!

Another first for 2013 – make sure you visit our giant LED screen for live link up to countries from around the world taking part in LifeCycle, a live drawing project for everyone. Come on! Time to get creative – you know you can!

After that – spare a thought for all the power needed to bring you all this fantastic entertainment – and do your bit. Visit The Big Charge to cycle for 5 or 10 mins to help us charge the generator that is powering LifeCycle.

Or if you're feeling decidedly more like sitting down? Visit The White Bus Cinema Tent and watch a short film or two.

Before you go, don't forget to call in at Global Village Stage for some amazing dance, music and visual art workshops guided by international artists, Rampage Carnival Arts and Firstsite gallery.

Well.....I expect by now you'll be feeling tired? happy? inspired? I hope so.

Enjoy your day and see you next year.

ONE FINAL THING..... each year it gets harder and harder to raise the funds needed for Village Green. We are working flat out at Metal to keep the festival free and accessible to all – this year we are asking you, festival goers, to help us out with Village Green 2014 with a £3 donation (that's 30p for each hour's activity!) by texting **VGRF33 £3 to 70070**. We hope that you think it's worth it.

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■ Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Mill Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, July 10

■ Meeting, Jazz Circle, The Ekco Clubhouse, Thornford Gardens, off Manners Way, 'Nat King Cole', 8pm.
■ Meeting, Mount Rayleigh WI, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 7.30-10pm,

second Wednesday every month, newcomers welcome.

■ Meeting, Wickford Townswomen's Guild, Christ Church, 1.30pm-3.30pm, second Wednesday every month, visitors welcome, entry £2, details Janet 01268 768890.

■ Live Music, Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, The Chichester, Raweth, Nr Wickford, 'Pianorama' - Dave Browning, Ted Beament and Reg Webb plus Double Bass and Drums', 8-10.30pm, admission £10 on door, all welcome. 07850 607075.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Famous Potatoes, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk

■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honorie 01268 574390 for further details.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.

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■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.

■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 01702 318121.

■ Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church (Vicarage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Over 50s Session, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-

4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price 3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

Thursday, July 11

■ Peer Support, Alzheimer's Society, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, providing emotional support for carers and their families, 2-4pm.
■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes every Thursday at Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Jill 01268 753667.

■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, 4, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road,

Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

■ Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe, Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for Breastfeeding mums, Thursdays (term time), 12.30pm.
■ Weekly Salsa Dance Classes, Holy Family Church, Benfleet, 8.30pm, classes also on a Monday and Tuesday in Leigh and Westcliff, further details Ray 07961 390398.

Friday, July 12

■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.

■ Sequence Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.

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■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

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■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

■ Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 293794.

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Now you see it, now you don't

Now you see me (12A, 115 mins)

Nothing is what it seems in Louis Letterier's high-stakes game of cat and mouse between four crowd-pleasing Las Vegas illusionists and the FBI. Every narrative twist could be a double-bluff, every failure a carefully orchestrated diversion and every flirtation a calculated exercise in audience manipulation.

Screenwriters Ed Solomon, Boaz Yakin and Edward Ricourt hold all the aces and for the opening 30 minutes, their collective sleight of hand dazzles and intrigues in equal measure. Now You See Me sets up the tricks, engineers them with elan and coolly reveals the ingenious method behind the on-stage madness.

Alas, when it comes to the grand final illusion which takes up most of the second hour, director Letterier doesn't play entirely fair. He untethers the plot from plausibility and logic, allowing everything to teeter risibly on coincidence, physical improbability and outrageous good fortune. We might just forgive the script its outlandishness if a tongue was wedged firmly in cheek, but the film is deadly serious about its jiggery pokery.

The prologue introduces us to close-up conjurer Daniel Atlas (Jesse Eisenberg), escapologist Henley Reeves (Isla Fisher), mentalist Merrit McKinney (Woody Harrelson) and street magician Jack Wilder (Dave Franco), who are successful in their own fields, dazzling small audiences with their showmanship.

Each performer receives a Tarot card bearing the same information: "March

29, 4:44pm 45 East Evan St. NY, NY"

As instructed, the quartet arrives at an apartment in New York, where a dazzling light show reveals an illusion that will stun the world. One year later, Daniel, Henley, Merrit and Jack are reborn as The Four Horsemen.

In front of a live audience, they choose an audience member at random and magically transport their stooge to a bank in Paris to raid millions from the vault. With their sponsor Arthur Tressler (Michael Caine) and renowned sceptic Thaddeus Bradley (Morgan Freeman) watching in the aisles, Daniel, Henley, Merrit and Jack pull off this seemingly impossible feat.

Within hours, they are under arrest and facing interrogation by FBI Agent Dylan Rhodes (Mark Ruffalo), who doesn't want the case, nor the added distraction of Interpol agent Alma Dray (Melanie Laurent). The cops quickly learn that they underestimate the magicians at their peril.

Ignore the gaping plot holes and Now You See Me is a lot of fun. The script trades heavily on the sniping banter between the four magicians, who always seem to be one step ahead of Rhodes and the authorities. Action scenes are orchestrated at full pelt including an explosive car chase and a night-time race across rooftops.

The film's pivotal nugget of information becomes blindingly obvious well before Letterier engineers the big reveal, but it doesn't greatly temper our enjoyment, simply giving us more time to piece everything together.

Released: July 3



MARK RUFFALO as Dylan Rhodes and MICHAEL KELLY as Agent Fuller.
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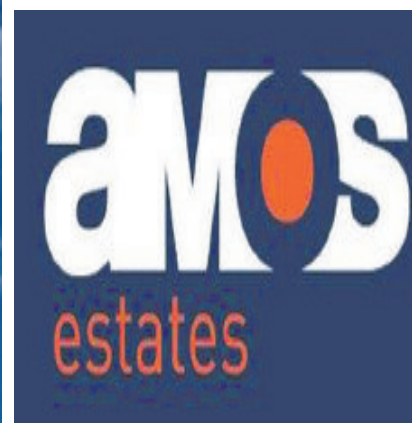
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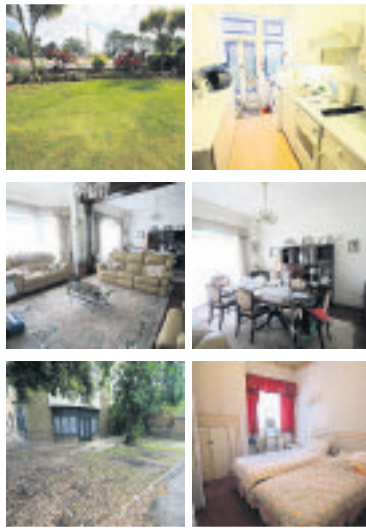
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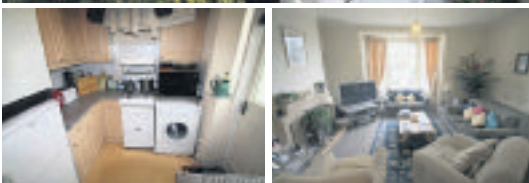


Clifftown Conservation Area £325,000

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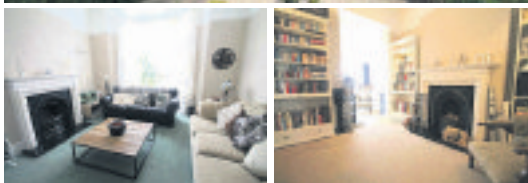
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- ➔ Ground floor character property
- ➔ Cliff-top apartment
- ➔ Prestigious block
- ➔ Lounge/diner
- ➔ Fitted kitchen
- ➔ Two bedrooms
- ➔ Bathroom/wc
- ➔ Ground floor wc
- ➔ Secured allocated parking

Clifftown Conservation Area £440,000



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Leigh On Sea £640 pcm



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Westcliff On Sea £575 pcm



Spacious first floor flat being situated in a central location within close proximity to town and railway stations. There is a good size lounge, two bedrooms (one double and one single), bathroom/wc and a kitchen/diner with door leading to rear balcony and stairs to shared rear garden. The property has gas central heating via radiators and the property is double glazed.

Westcliff On Sea £775 pcm



Fully self-contained spacious first floor flat that has recently been fully refurbished and redecorated and newly installed gas central heating, lounge, three bedrooms, one large double and two small single bedrooms, newly installed fitted kitchen with plumbing and recess for upright fridge/freezer, integrated four ring electric hob, with oven and grill under, bathroom with white suite and chrome fittings with electric shower over the bath, separate wc, garage with off street parking.

Leigh On Sea £1,750 pcm



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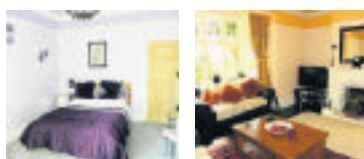
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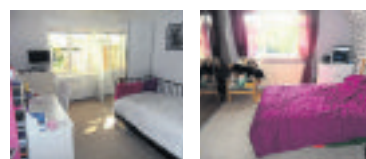
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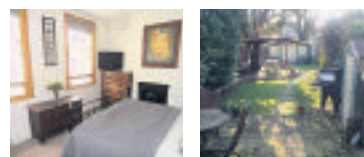
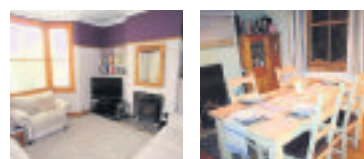
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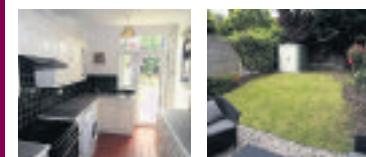
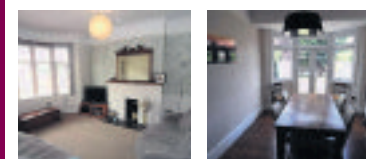
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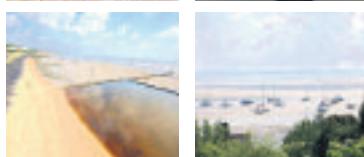
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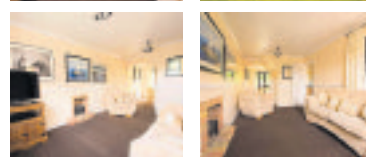
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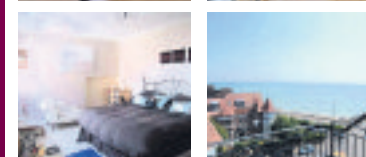
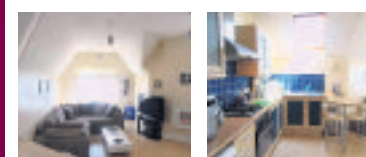
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NEW INSTRUCTION

Leigh-On-Sea £180,000 - £190,000

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Westcliff-On-Sea £230,000 - £240,000

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Southend-On-Sea £165,000 - £170,000

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A Quiet Word About Pets

Some homeowners spend thousands of pounds improving their property before going to market, yet they can be oblivious to issues that prospective purchases could regard as glaringly off-putting. Sometimes we have to point out some home truths if we are to enhance our client's chances of selling quickly, and for an excellent price!

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Not all estate agents have the courage to talk plainly! But we say, if you are selling, please don't ignore the effect your pet might potentially have on your sale. So take the dog for a walk when your agent brings buyers to view. Clean out the hamster cage twice a week and make sure there are no cat hairs on any chairs. Freshly cleaned carpets not only smell better than "arôme du chien", but they look good as well.

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Southend-On-Sea £200,000 - £220,000

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Leigh-On-Sea £185,000 - £199,995

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NEW INSTRUCTION

Westcliff-On-Sea £290,000 - £310,000

A beautifully presented character three bedroom detached house. Benefiting from original features whilst retaining a modern family feel, this stunning home offers light and airy accommodation and is perfectly positioned for A127, Southend Hospital and offers easy access to Southend Airport.



Leigh-On-Sea £230,000 - £250,000

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NEW INSTRUCTION

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GREAT VIEWS

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The property boasts stunning views over Benfleet creek and marsh land and benefits from off street parking, 2 double bedrooms (master with en suite), lounge and conservatory with stunning views over Benfleet creek and marshland, office/2nd reception room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom and well kept garden.



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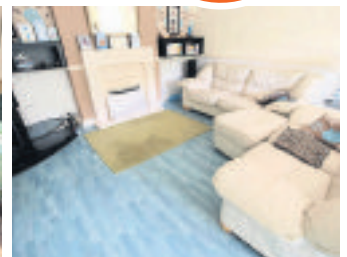


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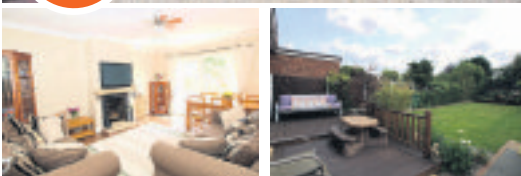
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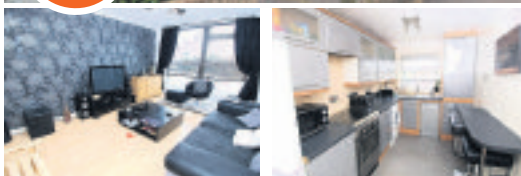
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South A.13, Leigh-on sea £279,995

Three bedroom family house in sought after Westleigh Schools Catchment area, south a.13 location walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station, 65' approx west facing garden, off street parking, spacious lounge, dining room and open plan kitchen, gas c/h, modern bathroom/w.c. Ref etl5143



Marine Estate flat £129,995

An immaculate first floor flat within this lovely character building on the sought after Marine Estate within walking distance of Leigh station. Large well maintained gardens for use by the residents, off street parking space, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, double bedroom, shower room and separate w.c., gas c/h, double glazing. Ref etl5122



Chalkwell Hall Estate £177,000

An exceptional purpose built flat with garage and south facing balcony enjoying views towards the estuary. Immediate vacant possession, two double bedrooms, fitted kitchen, bathroom w.c., gas c/h, superb 18'6 x 12'6 lounge with french doors leading out to the balcony. Eagerly sought after Chalkwell Hall Estate location walking distance of station. Ref etl5055



Leigh-on-sea £469,950

A most impressive Five bedroom character house situated in this highly desirable location close to Chalkwell schools, Our lady of Lourdes school, and Chalkwell Park. Chalkwell station is about a fifteen minute walk away and Leigh Road/ Broadway shops are also nearby. The excellent size accommodation includes Five bedrooms, large luxury en suite bathroom, further bathroom, 23' x 15' lounge with cast iron burner, separate dining room also with cast iron burner, large kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, garage and parking, 40' x 50' garden. Ref etl5137



Off Leigh Broadway £159,995

KEYS AVAILABLE TO VIEW this large ground floor flat situated off Leigh Broadway within walking distance of Leigh Station. The flat benefits from a share of the freehold and a 50' west backing private rear garden. 17'9 x 15' impressive lounge, 11'2 x 9'2 fitted kitchen / breakfast room, utility room, 15' x 11'2 superb size double bedroom, gas c/h. Ref etl5144



Daws Heath, Hadleigh £289,950

Internal viewing essential of this superb three bedroom bungalow situated in a most highly sought after semi-rural location of Daws Heath. The property benefits from a 55' approx. South facing rear garden. Luxury jacuzzi bathroom, fabulous 23'3 x 11'2 open plan lounge and dining room, 17'3 x 11' luxury kitchen / breakfast room, gas c/h, double glazing, detached garage and parking for 2-3 cars ref etl5087



Leigh-on-sea £279,995

A detached three bedroom chalet situated in a favoured location close to Bonchurch Park and tennis courts. The property benefits from a 65' approx. South facing rear garden and off street parking. Keys are available for accompanied viewings. Two bedrooms to the first floor and bathroom/w.c., third bedroom to the groundfloor, groundfloor w.c., spacious lounge, 13' x 10'6 modern fitted kitchen with appliances and central island unit, dining room, gas c/h, keys available for viewing. Ref etl5139

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Drivetime

By Lee Gibson

SOUTH Korean car maker Kia has become a global success story in the past five years as it has relaunched revamped versions of all its vehicles as well as adding new niche models such as the Soul and the Venga.

This revolution, led by design guru Peter Schreyer, has seen impressive sales increases built around modern new looks (designed to appeal to European and Western drivers), and much more upmarket interiors.

Last, but certainly not least, to get the makeover treatment is the Carens – and what a stunning transformation it is. This durable and versatile MPV now has a look which is bang up to date, offers great family space inside and some really impressive driving dynamics.

All UK versions of the new Carens come with seven seats while there are three engines available and Kia's now familiar simplified three-level trim options.

The Carens' new look creates a real impact with a complete design overhaul no less dramatic than that which breathed real new life into the company's Sportage SUV.

The old, somewhat utilitarian appearance is a distant memory, replaced by a sleek and sporty profile that is emphasised by a lower stance and rakishly sloped, expansive windscreen. The new model is also shorter and narrower than its predecessor but has a

FAST FACTS

Price: £20,595
Mechanical: 114bhp, 1,685cc, four-cylinder diesel engine driving front wheels via six-speed manual gearbox
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0-60mph: 12.6 seconds
Combined mpg: 60.1
Insurance group: 12
CO2 emissions: 124g/km
BiK rating: 19%
Warranty: 7yrs/100,000 miles



STUNNING TRANSFORMATION:
The new-look Kia Carens 2.1.7 CRDi

Drenched in Kia aura

longer wheelbase – helping with manoeuvrability in town and improving stability.

Inside, there is plenty of head and leg room in front and middle row seats, which all slide and fold individually, and an abundance of storage cubbies, including concealed ones in the middle row footwells.

The seats are easy to flip up and down and all five rear seats fold flat to expand loadspace, as does the front passenger seat for carrying really long items.

My only real gripe with the Carens con-

cerned the rear doors. Although they are large and open wide, they are conventional car doors. The sliding ones featured on a number of rivals would make getting in and out of the rear so much easier.

There can be few grumbles, though, about the ride. While many make the claim without delivering, this is one MPV which definitely does drive like a family saloon, undoubtedly set up for comfort.

My '2' trim car sits, as you'd expect in the middle of the range and boasted all the kit

you need for comfortable and safe motoring including 16-inch alloys, electric windows and wind mirrors, air-con, trip computer, stereo with USB and aux-in ports, voice-activated Bluetooth, flip-down trays on the front seat backs, stability control, ABS brakes and six airbags.

In truth, it's an appealing package at a competitive price and it is undoubtedly fair to say that the final ugly duckling in Kia's range has become a swan likely to win many followers in the family-car market.

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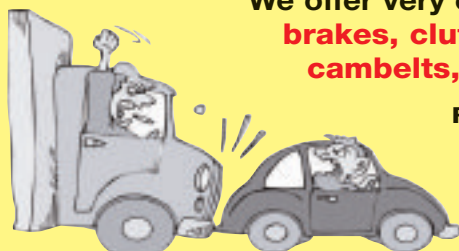
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(AMENDMENT NO.1) ORDER 2013
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and The Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by adding and revoking the items listed in the schedules below and making minor amendments to the preamble to the (Central Area and Seafrost Meter Zone) (Consolidation) Order 2005 (As Amended).
A copy of the proposed Order, a map showing the roads to which the Order relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours.
Any representations to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be sent in writing to the **Corporate Director for Place and marked for the attention of the Traffic Management & Road Safety Team at the address below by no later than 24th July 2013.**
All written representations received concerning Traffic Regulation Orders are public documents that may be inspected by any person on demand.
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SCHEDULE 1 – ADDITIONS
(i) THE BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND ON SEA (CENTRAL AREA AND SEAFRONT METER ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2005 (AS AMENDED)
SCHEDULE 1 – AREAS WITH LOADING BAYS – TOWN CENTRE AREA

Road Name	Description
Farrington Service Road	On the south side from a point 3.5 metres east of the east kerbline of Elmer Avenue eastwards for a distance of 19 metres with a width throughout of 2.3 metres
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(ii) THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (CENTRAL AREA AND SEAFRONT METER ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2005 (as amended)
SCHEDULE 2 – ROADS WHERE WAITING IS RESTRICTED PART III NO LOADING AT ANYTIME

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SCHEDULE 2 – REVOCATIONS
THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (CENTRAL AREA AND SEAFRONT METER ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2005 (as amended)
SCHEDULE 2 Part 2 ROADS WHERE WAITING IS RESTRICTED (includes no loading/unloading)
Road No. 16 (a) to (f) Farrington Service Road
Road No. 13 (a) and (b) Elmer Approach
The Borough of Southend-on-Sea Queens Road (Prohibition of Waiting, Prohibition of Driving and One-Way Street) Order 1997
All restrictions relating to Farrington Service Road

THE BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
(Various Roads) (Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2013
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make an Order under Section 1, 2, 4, and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, the effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by adding and deleting the items listed in the Schedule below:

SCHEDULE 1 – ADDITIONS
The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (as amended)
SCHEDULE 3 – PROHIBITION OF DRIVING

Farrington Service Road	No person shall cause any vehicle to enter the section of Farrington Service Road from the south kerbline of Queens Road to the north kerbline of that section of Farrington Service Road which runs perpendicular to Elmer Avenue
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SCHEDULE 2 – REVOCATIONS
The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (as amended) – Schedule 2 – One Way Streets
Item 3415 Farrington Service Road
Item 3476 Farrington Service Road
A copy of the proposed Order, a map showing the roads to which the Order relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the Customer Services Counter on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours.
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REDBACKS senior teams played their first ever games against new opposition while the Forest Glade Redbacks Under-14s secured their maiden win over London Sports, at the fifth time of asking.

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Not to be outmuscled again, Max Asher stepped up to the plate in the first inning of the second game and hit a grand slam – a home run with the bases loaded.

It capped a five-run first frame and from there the Redbacks didn't look back. James Scammell then hit a two-run home run and other contributions helped give the Redbacks a strong lead, backing pitchers Matt Scammell and Henry Farguson to finish off the win.

RedbacksU14 manager Richard Crabb said: "I was delighted by our



Stuart Harper-Horn enjoys the game against Lakenheath Diamondbacks
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achievements today. The first game was the best match I've ever seen in junior baseball."

On Sunday, the Redbacks first team visited RAF Feltwell to play the Lakenheath Diamondbacks for the first time, but were stung for two tough defeats. Vince Warner took the mound in the first game and found himself without run support for much of the match despite notching six strikeouts, as the Redbacks still learn to catch up to pitching in the NBL.

Franklin 'Chicki' Martinez, veteran Ian Colvin and rookie Tom Knapp were the only players to hit successfully in the first game, and combined for the Redbacks' sole run, but it wasn't enough to prevent the power-

ful Diamondbacks from winning.

In the second match pitcher John Read was the beneficiary of a three run lead, driving two runs in himself, as the Redbacks showed early promise, but Read then gave up nine runs in an 11-run first inning as the Diamondbacks regained the upper hand.

Sean Briscoomb replaced Read to keep Lakenheath a little more off balance, but ultimately he couldn't do it all himself. Martinez and James Cane each had two hits, but it wasn't enough to significantly reduce the deficit.

Manager Warner said: "There were a couple of highlights today, with James Cane's all-round play was

much improved and 'Chicki' continues to hit well for us, but ultimately we're still struggling as a club. We said early on that the step up was going to be difficult, and I know we're learning and will be better for next season, but I'd like for us to win a couple more games this year to pickup morale and momentum.

Elsewhere in Suffolk, the Redbacks second team had a chance to go top of the division in a clash against the Haverhill Blackjacks, also the first ever time the sides had met.

After three frugal innings where Haverhill led 3-2, which included a rare steal of home for Michael Jones, Haverhill unloaded on pitcher Arun Mandalia and scored nine runs in two innings on a string of hard-hit balls through the infield and big hits that avoided outfielders' gloves.

Essex came back slowly, plating runs in each of the fifth, sixth and seventh innings, but Haverhill continued to pull away and were ten runs ahead after the seventh, invoking the mercy rule.

The defeat means the Redbacks are now two games behind the Blackjacks in the division and need to win most of their remaining matches for a chance to make the playoffs.

The Redbacks take on the Blackjacks next Sunday at Forest Glade, Billericay, with first pitch at 12pm.

The Redbacks NBL side have a couple of weeks off and return to action on Sunday July 21 as they host the South London Pirates.

Football

Community awards

GRASSROOTS football club Euro Dagenham and volunteer coach Clive Draper from Galleywood YFC have been recognised after scooping regional accolades as part of the FA Community Awards presented by McDonald's, and Draper is now hoping to garner support for an online vote to decide the national 'People's Choice' winner.

Following their county recognition, Euro Dagenham have been named the East Region's FA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year, while Clive is the same area's 'People's Award for Outstanding Achievement' winner. This means he goes forward to a public vote to select the overall champion which is open until July 26 at www.thefa.com/yourgame.

As regional winners, Clive and Euro Dagenham collected a number of prizes, including a certificate and tickets for the FA Community Shield match at Wembley Stadium in August. Clive will also be attending a special awards ceremony, while Euro receive a plaque and a £400 coach education bursary towards courses.

The FA Charter Standard programme is a kitemark which recognises and rewards high quality levels of provision. It's awarded to clubs and leagues who are well run and who place child protection, quality coaching and safety as paramount.

There are three club levels. The entry tier is 'Club' status, the next level is 'Development' - like Euro have attained - and the most advanced is 'Community'.

In April, eight names were shortlisted for the regionals from all of Essex's 150+ Charter Standard Clubs after a nomination process. A specially-convened panel then met at the County Office in Chelmsford and other awards were received by: Beacon Hill Rovers FC, Broomfield FC, the Southend & District Junior League, James Broughall (Plantation YFC), Adnan Ako (Dagenham United YFC) and Lee Butler (Leigh Ramblers YFC).

Essex County FA Senior Football Development Officer, Ian Bent, said: "In Essex we're proud to have a great track record of regional and national success in the FA Community Awards, and we'd love that to continue!"

Softball

Tournament for charity

On Sunday July 14, Redbacks Baseball & Softball will host a major charity softball tournament at their Forest Glade home in Billericay.

Five teams from Wickes stores in Essex and Suffolk – Rayleigh, Chelmsford, Maldon, Ipswich and Chadwell Heath –will take part in a round-robin tournament to decide which team will go through to represent the region at the national finals later this summer.

The tournament is part of Wickes' charity partnership with Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, the UK's leading blood cancer charity. This is the third year that the softball tournament hasbeen running and the first time it has included teams from Essex, East Anglia and London.

Over the past three years the Wickes-Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research partnership has raised over £30,000 through softball.

Spartans crash to superior Gladiators

American Football

ESSEX Spartans American football team suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of County rivals Colchester Gladiators in the inaugural Essex Bowl, going down by a scoreline of 6-51.

The Billericay-based Spartans, suffering with injuries and with key members of the squad absent, struggled to make any impact under the Saturday night floodlights at Hanakins Farm, and were left to lick their wounds after being thoroughly beaten by the table-topping Gladiators.

The visitors jumped out to an early lead, scoring three touchdowns in the opening quarter, and never looked back. Spartan hopes were raised with Danny Wallace scoring his first touchdown of the season, but they would not trouble the scoreboard again as the Colchester outfit romped home.

The victory ensures the Gladiators continue their unbeaten season, and gave them the first Essex Bowl trophy, which is awarded to the winners of the annual Rivalry game played between the two teams.



Action from the game

With the loss, the Spartans remain with only one victory on the season, but continue to show signs of improvement and reasons to remain optimistic that the second victory is within reach for a young and developing squad.

"Everyone playing last nights game gave everything, some good play by everyone in black and gold", said a reflective Spartans Head Coach Marc Saunders. "With some good practise sessions, I am confident we can return to winning ways".

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The Spartans next return to action on Saturday July 13th when they travel to play the Watford Cheetahs. The Spartans final home game of the season is Sunday August 18th, when they entertain the Bedfordshire Blue Raiders.

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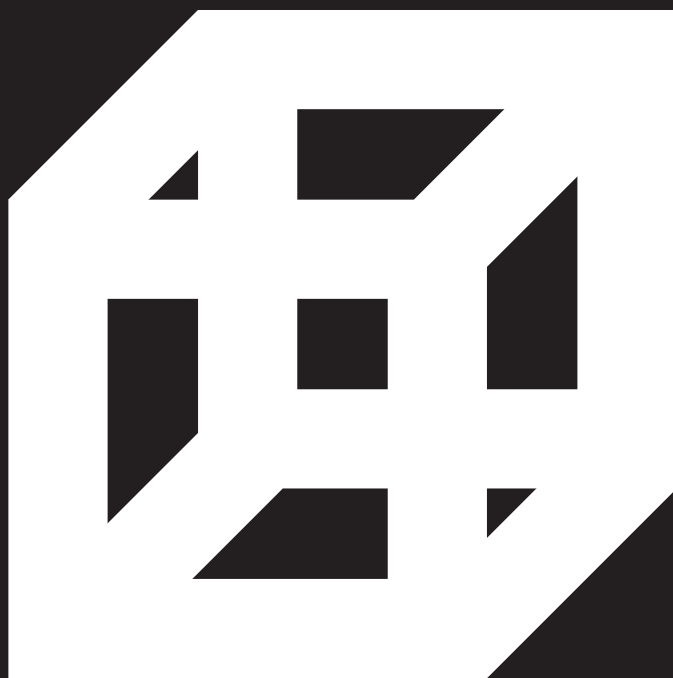
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CONCEPT - To create Essex's leading underground electronic dance music venue in the heart of Southend-On-Sea. Bringing an array of talent and international artists from all over the dance globe to our shores. As well as a complete refurbishment Box also has the only outdoor integrated garden terrace fully heated for that social aspect of your evening.

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VISION - Box is opening and bringing its party friends to join in the fun. Our brands are some of the best in the Country and our concept is clear. We invite you to attend our launch party and see for yourself the mystery of... What is inside the...?

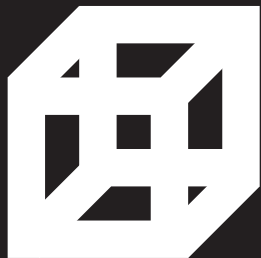
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THE KOOL KIDS KLUB SATURDAY 13TH JULY



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KLIK first appeared on the party scene in 2011 and have then since become one of the South Easts premier House & Techno parties

Bringing influential acts such as **DUKE DUMONT, MIGUEL CAMPBELL** and **LAURA JONES** to the coast. Not only will 2013 see **KLIK** call **BOX** their new home but keep an eye out for their parties in Ibiza this season!



TOO DAMN GLAM SATURDAY 27TH JULY



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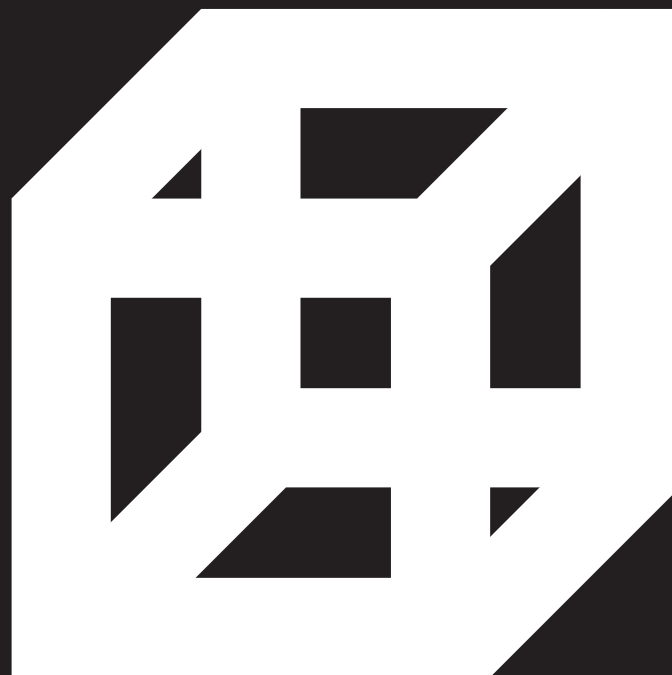
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TOO DAMN GLAM was founded on the beautiful island of Ibiza in 2005 in the back room of Savannah Beach Club on the sunset strip. At the time the electro/tech house revolution was gripping club land and by influencing this we took a little piece of everything we loved and made **TDG**.

Bringing people together under one roof with its unique underground sounds and ambient atmosphere with jaw dropping productions and talents from international renowned artists such as **DISCLOSURE, DUSKY, SHADOW CHILD, EATS EVERYTHING**.



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